

Live in labs

Individual report

Village : Dunda

District : Uttarkashi

State : Uttarakhand

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Introduction:

LILA was one of the different experience which I had in my life. As I'm from a village background I thought that it will be a similar kind of village or worse than ours in terms of development. But once we reached the village my thoughts are completely changed by seeing the way they treated us and the amount of knowledge they have about the current affairs. I took agriculture and influence of advertisement as major issues and started working on it. One of the notable thing about this village is it is free from robbers and thieves.

Problems identified:

- One of the major problem is they had awareness about current government schemes and way to improve their lifestyle but they are not willing to change due to the fear of failure.
- Water scarcity and improper rainfall.
- The villagers are unable to cultivate different varieties of crops because their fields are split in to smaller lands.
- Influence of alcohol (Younger generations are greatly addicted to it).
- There is no government milk society (closed due to low price fixation).
- Crops are destroyed by Monkeys and wild pig.
- Lack of awareness on soil testing and organic farming.
- Underlying stones in the cultivable land decreases the productivity.
- Most of the younger generations are greatly influenced by advertisement (eg: They have bought Maggie, Kurkure, Colgate by seeing advertisement)
- The PRADHAN of the village is an illiterate and she is not able to help the villagers in their development.
- Some of the women in the village know to make woolen bags and sweaters but due to time constraints they are unable to make it as a business.
- There are many dropouts from the intermediate collage and it's mostly from the poor families.
- Lack of medical facilities.

- Lack of awareness on consequences of disease (eg: Diabetes, etc...).
- Poor sanitation.

Course learning:

This course helps me to learn about the culture of north Indian villages. This experiential learning helps me in understanding the challenges faced by the villages and made me to think towards improving the lives of the villages.

Perception about the village:

Before going into the village I thought that the villagers will live in a small house and they will not cooperate to share their lifestyle and experiences. And thought that they will not be aware of government schemes and current trends and thought that they will have good amount of water for irrigation and improper electricity.

After the visit I found that the villagers have a large decent house but the cattle are tied in front of the house which make the house dirty. The villagers are well aware of the all the schemes but there was a barrier to the adaptation. They were very friendly. Even though the village was gifted with the gangas there was a water scarcity for farming.